	1990	1991	1992
West Asia/North Africa	55.66	66.14	73.21
Japan/Baharain	5.94	15.55	32.05
U.S.A./Canada	4.60	11.01	12.03
Others	--	0.72	0.99
Total	148.99	193.41	230.86

Note: These exports are exclusive of incentives.

(b) No such complaint has been received by the Ministry of Commerce from any country.

Suggestion on Forming Trade Blocs

731. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion to form trading blocs of its own with Indonesia, Philippines and Singapore;

(b) if so, what are the details of the suggestion and what is the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken|likely to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) In a recent paper titled 'Export Promotion Strategy for India', FIEO has suggested that the possibilities of wokring out a strong trade|economic linkage with Indonesia|Philippines|Singapore should be explored.

India and ASEAN have established a sectoral dialogue covering such areas as trading, investment and tourism. The aim of this exercise is to promote tade and economic exchanges between the two sides within the multilateral trading system established under the GATT.

India prefers the multilateral to the regional approach because the former offers the greatest promise for expansion of world trade.

Import of Metals

732. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of copper brass and other metals imported during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether domestic consumption and import of copper, brass and other metals are steadily increasing;

(c) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to cope with the shortage of these metals; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to import the above metals during the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a)